

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2021

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Express Times NJ Zone of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the September 8, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Farino, Mayor Watters

BILL LIST

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the September 22 Bill List, which was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Hrebenak stated that there is a resolution to repeal the original Municipal Alliance resolution that had the incorrect numbers in it along with the correct resolution. There are also the resolutions for the insurance company renewal for this year. There are also a couple of items that need to be discussed in Executive Session.

EMPLOYEES' REPORTS

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that she attended a meeting at Oxford Municipal Building in regards to the Solid Waste Management Plan. During this meeting there was discussion of removing the incinerator from the plan and also removing Nature's Choice from the plan. Presently Warren County municipalities cannot bring ID10 waste to the landfill and has to bring the waste to Hunterdon County or out of state. There was also a meeting that was held online which discussed the same items.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Warren County Household Hazardous Waste event will is being held on October 3 and the Township's Shredding event will be held on October 16 from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Mr. Snyder reported that truck #4 is in need of brakes which will cost about \$1,500 and truck #3 is in need of a new body which will be about \$40,000.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ferriero stated that he has gotten the ok for the bid specs and that we will be advertising to go out to bid for the Janes Chapel Road project in the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Watters opened the Public Portion of the meeting for comments.

Scott Reyes, 3 Country Meadow Road, stated that they have been told that there was no application filed for the Recycling Plant.

Heddy Resnick, asked why it needs to wait for an application to be turned in in order for any action to be taken.

Mr. Lavery and Mr. Ferriero explained why there is a need to wait for the application to be turned into the Land Use Board.

Mrs. Thompson asked about the active violation at Route 57

Mr. Lavery stated that the Committee will not be issuing the Junkyard license.

Nick Toscano asked if he has open Violations and if his Junkyard License will be issued.

Mr. Lavery explained that there is still a violation and the Junkyard License will not be issued.

Mayor Watters asked for further comment from the public; seeing none, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 2021-178

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD WARREN COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the properties listed below are now owned by the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield is now the owner of said properties having finalized an In-Rem Foreclosure in 2021 and said taxes therefore have to be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Tax Duplicate shows property taxes due for these properties for Q3 and Q4 2021 as well as preliminary taxes due for Quarters 1 and 2 of 2022 which should be cancelled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, at their regular meeting held on September 22, 2021 hereby memorializes the cancellation by the Tax Collector of the preliminary taxes shown in the Tax Duplicate for 2021 for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of 2021 as well as Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2022 for the properties listed. These amounts to be cancelled do not include any 2021 / 2022 Added or Omitted taxes which may subsequently be imposed due to the any post-foreclosure or subsequent sale of these acquired properties by Mansfield Township

BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
601.03	55	Route 57
1001.02	33.03	Snyder Road
2510	1	Route 57
2716	2	Anderson Road
2716	3	Anderson Road
2716	4	Washington Boulevard West
2716	11	Columbus Circle
2716	12	Columbus Circle
2716	13	Columbus Circle
2724	7	Frome Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 179

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A STALE DATED CHECKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, checks issued by the Township of Mansfield for more than a year ago, more particularly set out below as the Check Date, Check Number, and Amount, have never been presented for payment; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding checks, cause additional work and expense in keeping the books of Mansfield Township;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Mansfield Committee that the Finance Department is authorized to cancel the following stale dated checks and to adjust the financial records to reflect the same.

	DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT

Recreation Trust	9/20/20	1539	\$50.00
Current Fund	5/13/20	7051	\$19.58
		TOTAL	\$ 69.58

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-180
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts: **WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby deemed part of this Resolution;

PREPAID LIST	
CURRENT	\$109,617.52
CAPITAL	
TRUST	
DOG	
RECREATION	
OPEN SPACE	\$10.99
DEV ESCROW	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$
TAX PREMIUM	
MANDATORY DEV	
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	
TOTAL	\$109,628.51

BILLS LIST	
CURRENT	\$529,019.40
CAPITAL	\$11,250.00
TRUST	\$
DOG	\$11.40
RECREATION	\$
OPEN SPACE	
DEV ESCROW	\$
UNEMPLOYMENT	
TAX PREMIUM	\$
MANDATORY DEV	\$
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	\$
FORF ASSETS	\$
TOTAL	\$540,280.80

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-181
TO AUTHORIZE**

**CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES
TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS, Steven C. Williams is the owner of real property located at 57 Mitchell Road, known as Block 805 Lot 11.01, within the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the aforementioned property is qualified as a totally disabled veteran in Mansfield as of August 11, 2021 and is therefore tax exempt creating the need to cancel property taxes beyond such date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector of Mansfield Township be directed to cancel such taxes as shown on the tax records from August 11, 2021 forward.

RESOLUTION 2021-182
RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2021-172

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield approved Resolution 2021-172 to authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Boro Municipal Alliance grant; and

WHEREAS, the Funding numbers were for the year 2021 as opposed to 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Resolution 2021-172, authorizing the submission of a strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Boro Municipal Alliance grant is hereby rescinded.
2. This Resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

**2021-183
FORM 1B**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Mansfield County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Boro Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$2246.00
Cash Match	\$561.50
In-Kind	\$1684.50
2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-178 through 2021-185, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Watters announced moving into Executive Session at 7:59 pm.

Mr. Lavery stated the Executive Session discussion will include:

- Two (2) personnel matters
- One (1) litigation matter

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Return from Executive Session at 9:31 pm.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Mr. Lavery announced the return from Executive Session at 9:32 pm where they discussed:

- Two (2) personnel matters
- One (1) litigation matter

No official action was taken. Copies of these minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines there is no longer a harm to the public interest.

Mr. Lavery asked that if the Committee is so inclined to authorize the Clerk to make the offer that was discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to make the offer that was discussed in Executive Session, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Lavery asked that if the Committee is so inclined, a motion is needed to reject the Sosis Settlement Offer that was discussed in Executive Session.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to reject the Sosis settlement offer that was discussed in Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 pm, which was carried by all.